

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Currently, claims 5, 9, 11-13, 18, 21 and 23-25 are pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 3-5, 7-13, 17-18 and 20-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable. These claims have now been canceled, thereby rendering these rejections moot.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 12-13 and 24-25 have been indicated as being allowable. The Office Action held that claims 5, 9, 11, 18, 21 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 5, 9, 11, 18, 21 and 23 have now been rewritten in independent form and are thus allowable.

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Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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